

HOME COMPUTER SECURITY 103

BUILDING SAFE AND SECURE NETWORKS AT HOME

**A Workshop by the City of Seattle
Office of Information Security**



Roadmap for this Presentation

- Introductions
- Brief Review of 101 & 102
- Intro to IP Networks
 - Types
 - Hardware
 - Communications
- Secure Network Configuration
 - Wired
 - Wireless



Introductions

- The Office of Information Security (OIS)
 - Who we are
 - What we do



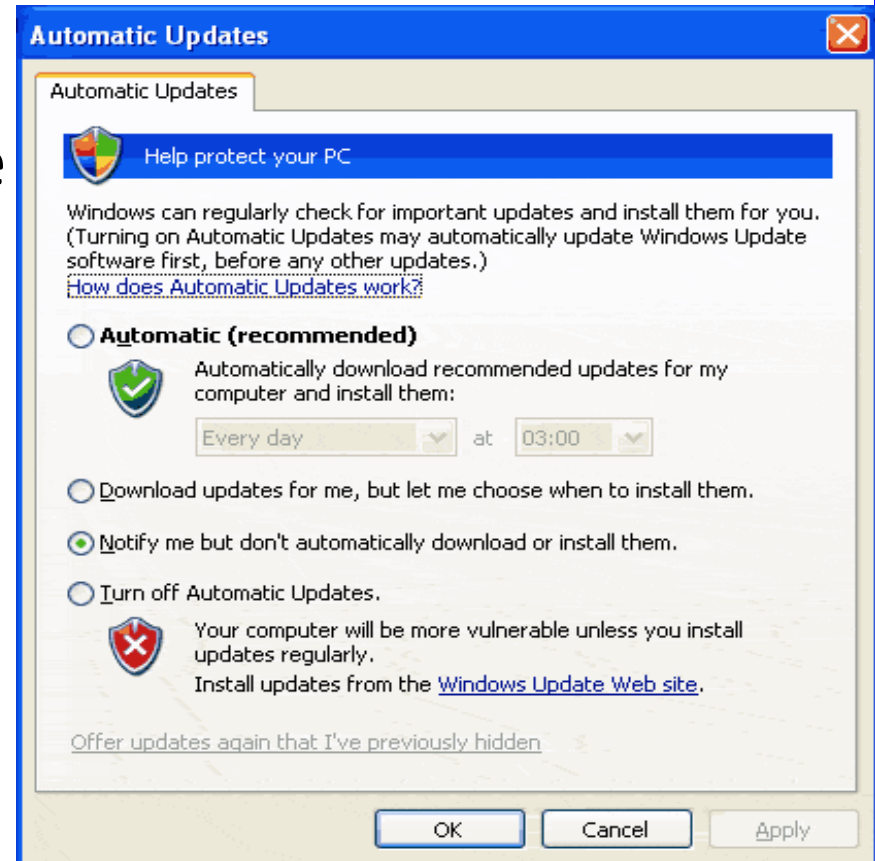
Review (101)

- Information Security 101
 - Threats from E-mail and Internet use
 - Phishing, Pump-n-dump, 419
 - Botnets, Malware
 - Social Engineering
 - Drive by web attacks
 - Web 2.0 (social networking) issues
 - Tips to stay safe
 - Be aware
 - Be alert
 - Be prepared and informed



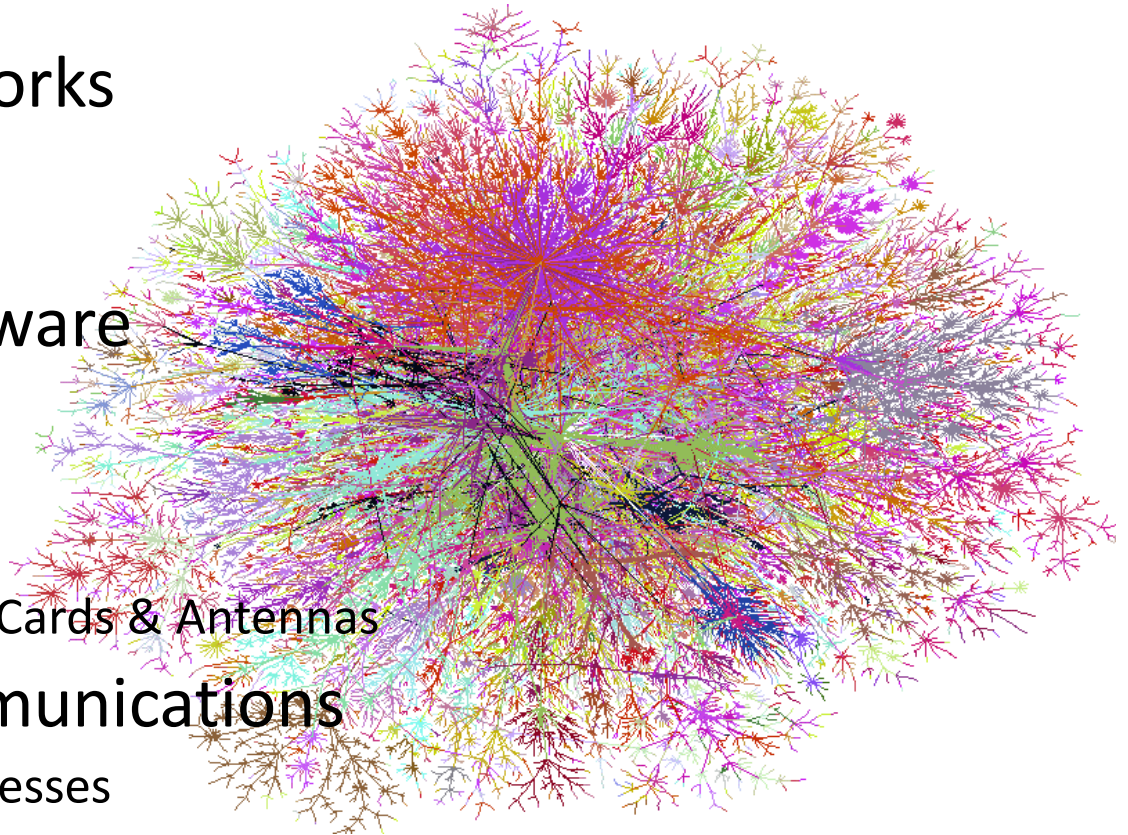
Review (102)

- Tools and Tips
 - Anti-virus, Anti-Malware
 - Patching & Updates
 - Firewalls
 - Browser Configuration
 - Encryption
 - Backups



Introduction to IP Networks

- Types of Networks
 - Wired
 - Wireless
- Network Hardware
 - Modems
 - Routers
 - Cabling
 - Wireless Access Cards & Antennas
- Network Communications
 - IP and Mac Addresses
 - NAT
 - Packets
 - OSI Layers
 - TCP vs UDP



Wired vs Wireless Networks

- Wired
 - Modem to router to computer
 - Connected via cable
- Wireless
 - Modem to router/access point
 - Then antenna to antenna (access cards)
 - Varieties of signal quality and range
 - 802.11a, b, g, n
 - Security Issues



Network Hardware (1)

- Modems (modulator – demodulator)
 - Connection to Internet
 - Cable, DSL, Dial-up
 - Can convert analog to digital
- Router
 - Routes data to addresses internal and external
 - Can act as firewall
 - Often does DNS (domain name service)



Network Hardware (2)

- Cabling
 - Category 5 (often called Cat 5)
 - Unshielded twisted pair (UTP)
 - RJ45 connectors
- Wireless Access Cards/Antennas
 - Often internal on newer laptops
 - Can be external
 - Can build your own for longer range or snooping!
- VOIP Routers
 - Allow telephone connections over an IP network



Network Communications (1)

- OSI Model (Open Systems Interconnection)
 - Application, Presentation, Session, Transport, Network, Data Link, and Physical
 - Network communications happen from Transport on down
 - Physical = cable, routers, access points, etc.
 - Link = data transfer protocols between network hardware
 - Network = routing protocols and functions
 - Transport = transfer of data – reliability and error control (TCP and UDP)



Network Communications (2)

- Ethernet
 - Defines standards for networks
 - Specifically for physical and data link layers
 - How to complete data transfer
 - Dealing with collisions
 - Use of Cat 5 cabling and specific network hardware
 - 10BASE-T, 100BASETX, and 1000BASE-T (Gigabit)
- Packets
 - Method of delivering data
 - Contains control information and payload
 - Control information includes source and destination, error detection codes and sequencing information
 - User data is actual information you are sending



Network Communications (3)

- Internet Protocol (IP aka TCP/IP)
 - IPv4 (32 bit – 4 billion) vs IPv6 (128 bit – 340 undecillion [3.4 x 10 to the 38th power!])
 - V4 addresses in 'dot-decimal' notation – four numbers ranging from 0 – 255, e.g. 156.74.201.16
 - Private network reserved addresses 10.0.0.0, 172.16-32.x.x, 192.168.x.x
- NAT (Network Address Translators)
 - Takes internal private network addresses and modifies them to Internet address or vice versa.
 - Hides internal address space from Internet
 - Rewrites IP packets on exit so they appear to come from one router



Network Communications (4)

- MAC (Media Access Control) Addresses
 - Unique (well sort of) address assigned to network adaptors (network interface cards – NICS)
 - Usually encodes manufacture id numbers
 - Helps to identify different devices on a network
 - Can be (easily) spoofed
- Services and Ports
 - Services are different system level applications (in this case for communications between systems)
 - telnet
 - ftp
 - ssh



– Ports are communications end-points used by services

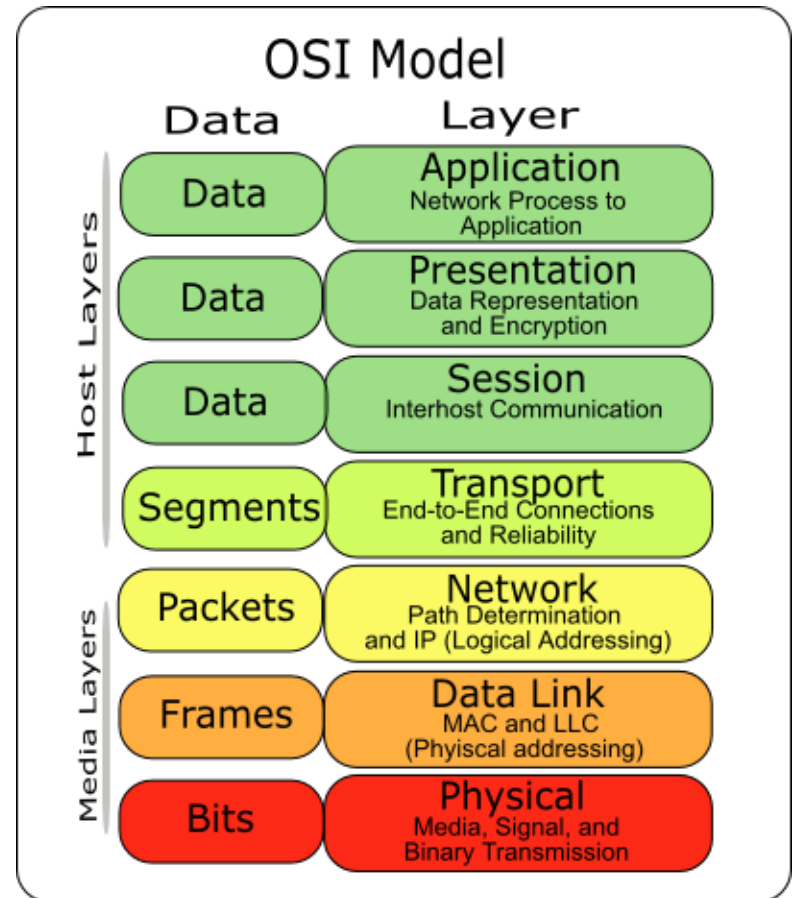
So What's TCP/IP? (and why isn't it SNA/IPX?)

Transport Layer

- Transmission Control Protocol
 - Handles packet fragmentation, reconstruction, retransmission
 - Maintains connection “state”

Network Layer

- Internet Protocol
 - Handles the routing of packets from source to destination
 - Relies on unique addresses for each node on the Internet
 - There aren't enough addresses!



What's in a packet?

Bits

0

8

16

31

Source Port				Destination Port			
Sequence Number							
Acknowledgment Number							
Data Offset		Reserved		Code		Window	
Checksum				Urgent Pointer			
Options						Padding	
Data							



Everything but “Data” is the packet header

Infrastructure Services

- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
 - Gives IP address, netmask, DNS server, default route, etc.
 - Can be configured to limit size of address pool
 - Can be configured to limit based on MAC address
- Routing
 - How do I get a packet from here to my destination?
 - Static vs dynamic routes
- Domain Name System (DNS)
 - Maps a name to an IP address (“A” record)
 - Maps an IP address to a name (“PTR” record)
 - Specifies where to deliver e-mail (“MX” record)
- If you don't have a name server specified, there is no Internet

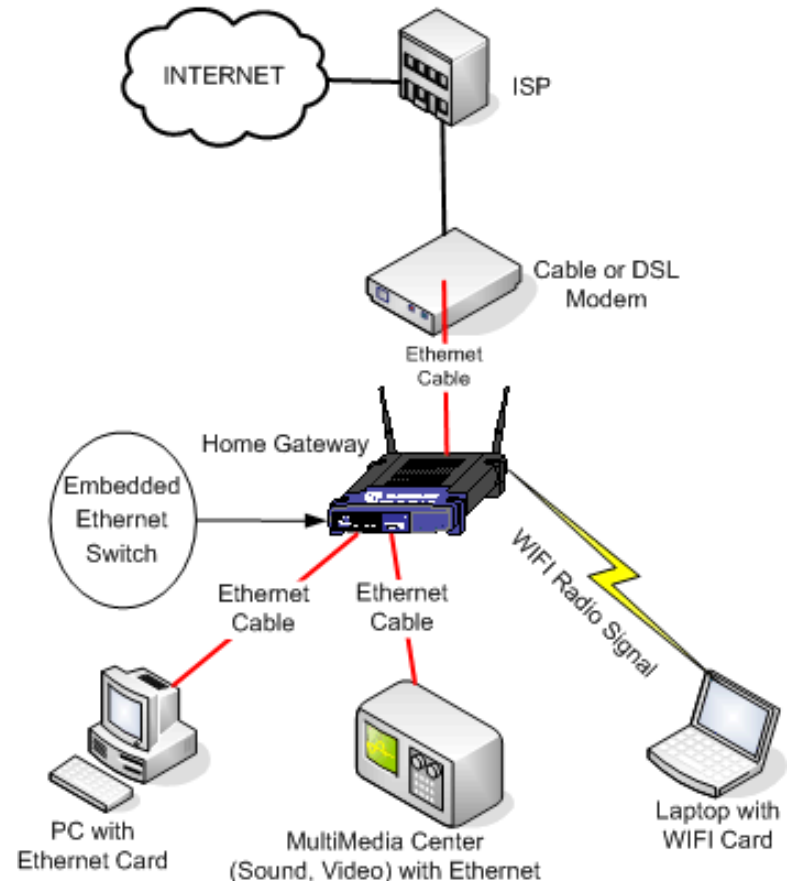


Let's take a well-deserved break



Secure Setup and Configuration

- Routers and Firewalls
 - Default settings
 - DNS and DHCP
 - Services
 - Remote Access
- Wireless
 - SSID
 - DHCP controls
 - MAC address filtering
 - Encryption
- General best practices
 - Upgrades and patches
 - Backups and documentation
 - Logging and monitoring



Steps

- Choose your internal network addressing
- Install the firewall
 - Change default administrator username and password
 - Configure addressing
 - Configure infrastructure services
 - Configure logging
 - Configure services (optional)
 - Configure remote access (optional)
- Install wireless access point
 - Change default administrator username and password
 - Configure SSID, broadcast, channel, radio
 - Configure WPA2 encryption
 - If no firewall configure DHCP



But First... Why Bother!

- Attack Traffic
 - Constant, ubiquitous scanning
 - Un-secured devices compromised in 6 minutes or less!
- Man in the Middle
 - Take over your router and all connections to it
 - Router attacks are becoming very prevalent
- If it looks like it's you...
 - Use your Internet access for downloads
 - Cyber stalking or threats
 - Spamming or Denial of Service
- Or maybe they'll BE you...
 - Access to your network is easy
 - So is damage if they feel like it

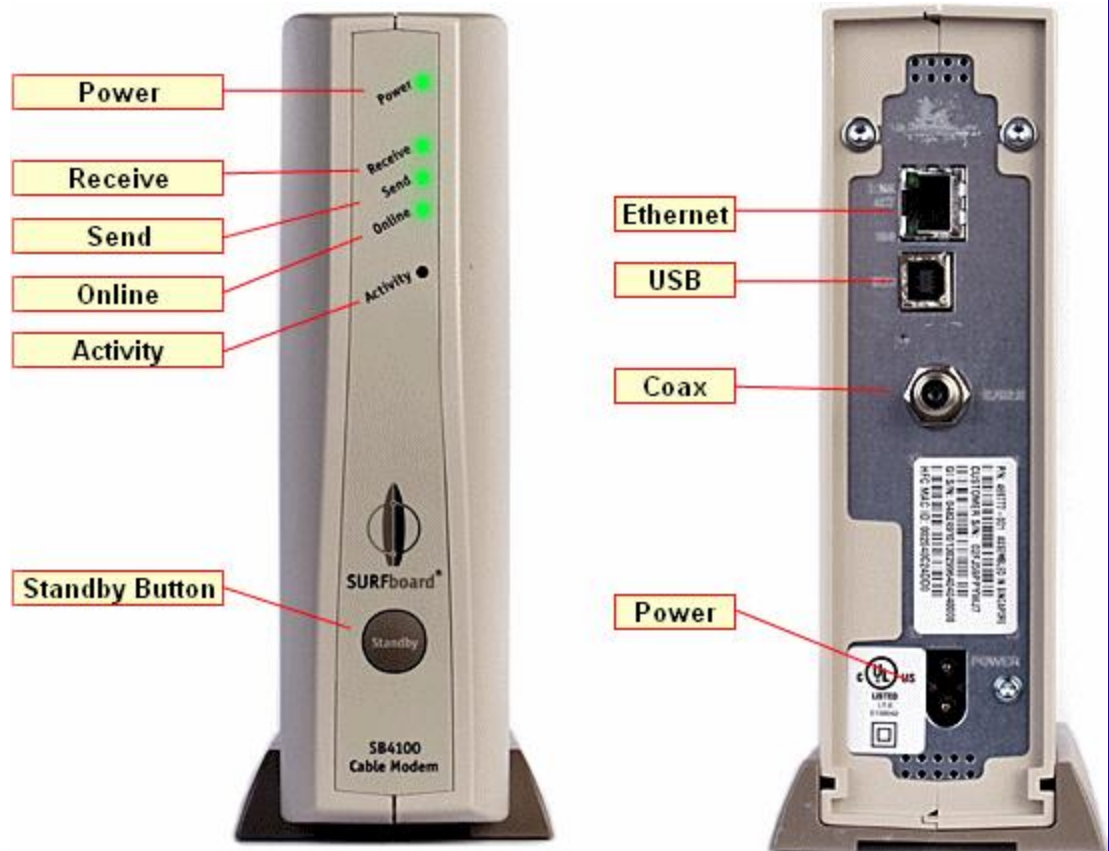


Cable Modems

- Uses 'tftp' service to download configuration and firmware from ISP
- Access the read-only admin interface using a web browser

Can't change settings on ISP-issued modem, BUT:

- Use for diagnostics
- Buy your own
- "Uncapping"



Router/Firewall

- First point of control between you and the Internet
- One internal and one external interface, each in different networks
- The router will, strangely enough, ROUTE packets between the connected networks (if allowed)
- It will also PREVENT packets from being routed

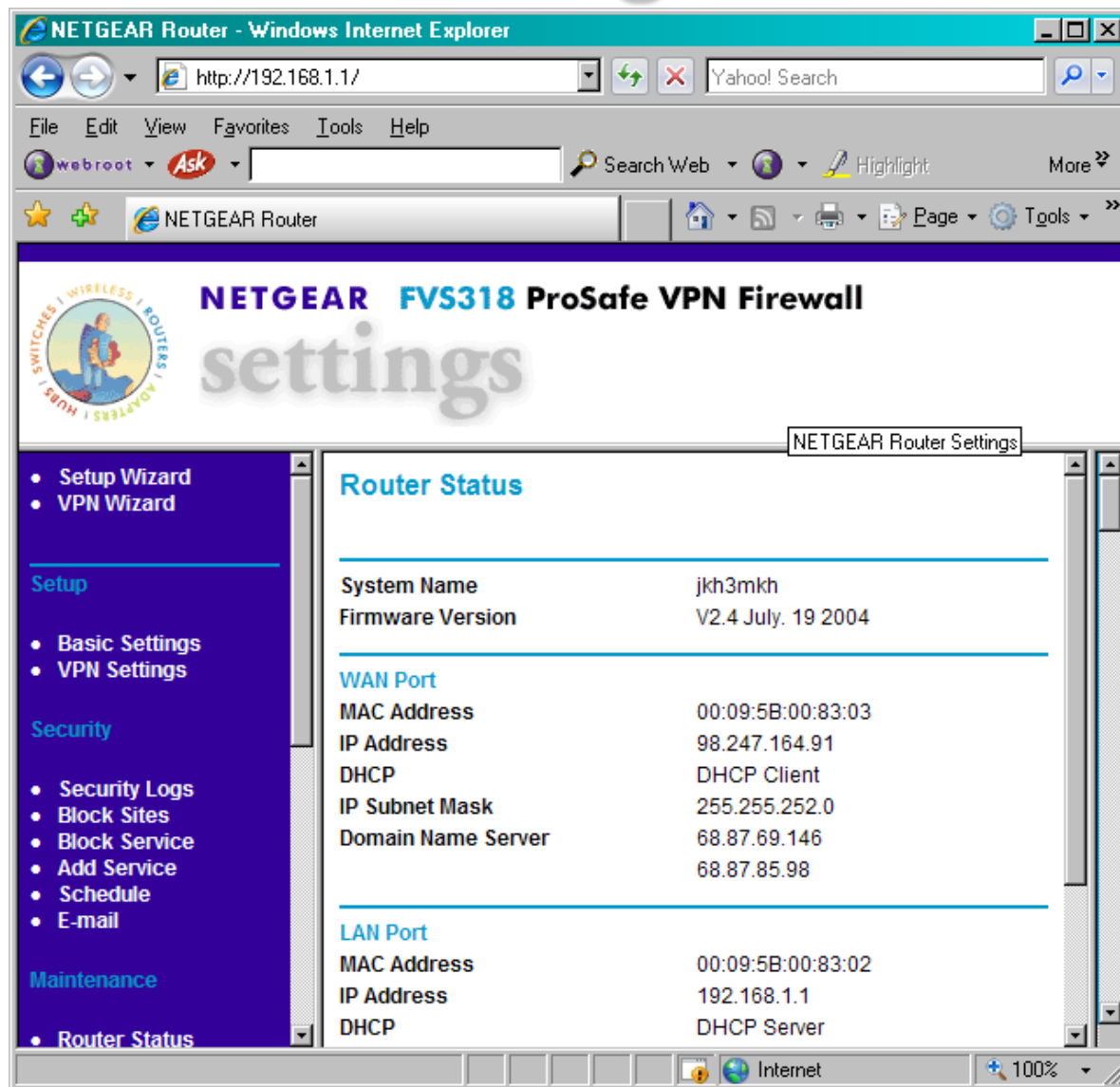


Configuration – Basics

- First, access your router or firewall – usually from browser go to: 192.168.1.1
- **Immediately change the default administrator name and password!**
- THEN plug connect the router/firewall and cable modem
- Record the IP address the firewall has been assigned for the WAN interface, the IP address of the cable modem, and DNS servers
- Change your internal network interface address if desired – make it 10.1.1.1 or 10.9.8.7 or 172.19.0.1
- Set it up as a DHCP server; make the size of your DHCP address pool equal to the number of devices you intend to have on the network
- Get a MAC address from each device, and filter DHCP requests by MAC address (see example coming with wireless)
- Configure filters (default is to block all inbound; allow all outbound)
- Save (export) the configuration; record all details
- **Did I mention... change the default administrator name and password!**



WAN Configuration



The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the NETGEAR Router settings page for a FVS318 ProSafe VPN Firewall. The address bar shows the URL `http://192.168.1.1/`. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for navigation and search. The main content area is titled "NETGEAR FVS318 ProSafe VPN Firewall settings". On the left, a navigation menu lists several categories: Setup Wizard, VPN Wizard, Setup (with sub-items Basic Settings and VPN Settings), Security (with sub-items Security Logs, Block Sites, Block Service, Add Service, Schedule, and E-mail), Maintenance (with sub-item Router Status), and Router Status. The "Router Status" section is currently selected, displaying the following information:

Router Status	
System Name	jkh3mkh
Firmware Version	V2.4 July. 19 2004
WAN Port	
MAC Address	00:09:5B:00:83:03
IP Address	98.247.164.91
DHCP	DHCP Client
IP Subnet Mask	255.255.252.0
Domain Name Server	68.87.69.146
	68.87.85.98
LAN Port	
MAC Address	00:09:5B:00:83:02
IP Address	192.168.1.1
DHCP	DHCP Server

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the Internet icon and a 100% zoom level.



DHCP Configuration

NETGEAR Router - Windows Internet Explorer

http://192.168.1.1/

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

webroot Ask Search Web Highlight More

NETGEAR Router

NETGEAR FVS318 ProSafe VPN Firewall

settings

NETGEAR Router Settings

- Schedule
- E-mail
- Maintenance
 - Router Status
 - Attached Devices
 - Set Password
 - Settings Backup
 - Diagnostics
 - Router Upgrade
- Advanced
 - Ports
 - Dynamic DNS
 - LAN IP Setup
 - Static Routes
 - Remote Management
- Web Support
 - Knowledge Base
 - Documentation

Logout

LAN TCP/IP Setup

IP Address: 192.168.1.1

IP Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

RIP Direction: None

RIP Version: RIP-2B

MTU Size: ☒ Default ☐ Custom 1468

☒ Use router as DHCP server

Starting IP Address: 192.168.1.5

Ending IP Address: 192.168.1.10

WINS Server: 192.168.1.103

Lease Time: 72 /hours

Reserved IP Addresses

#	IP Address	MAC Address	Description
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Add Edit Delete



Configuration – Activity Monitoring



- Logging
 - Make sure logging is enabled
 - Send logs to yourself via email
 - Rotate logs at a frequency that doesn't allow them to overwrite
 - Size limits set so you don't lose data
- Monitoring
 - Schedule regular time to review logs for anomalies
 - Use monitoring tools to help parse and decipher
 - Setup alarms

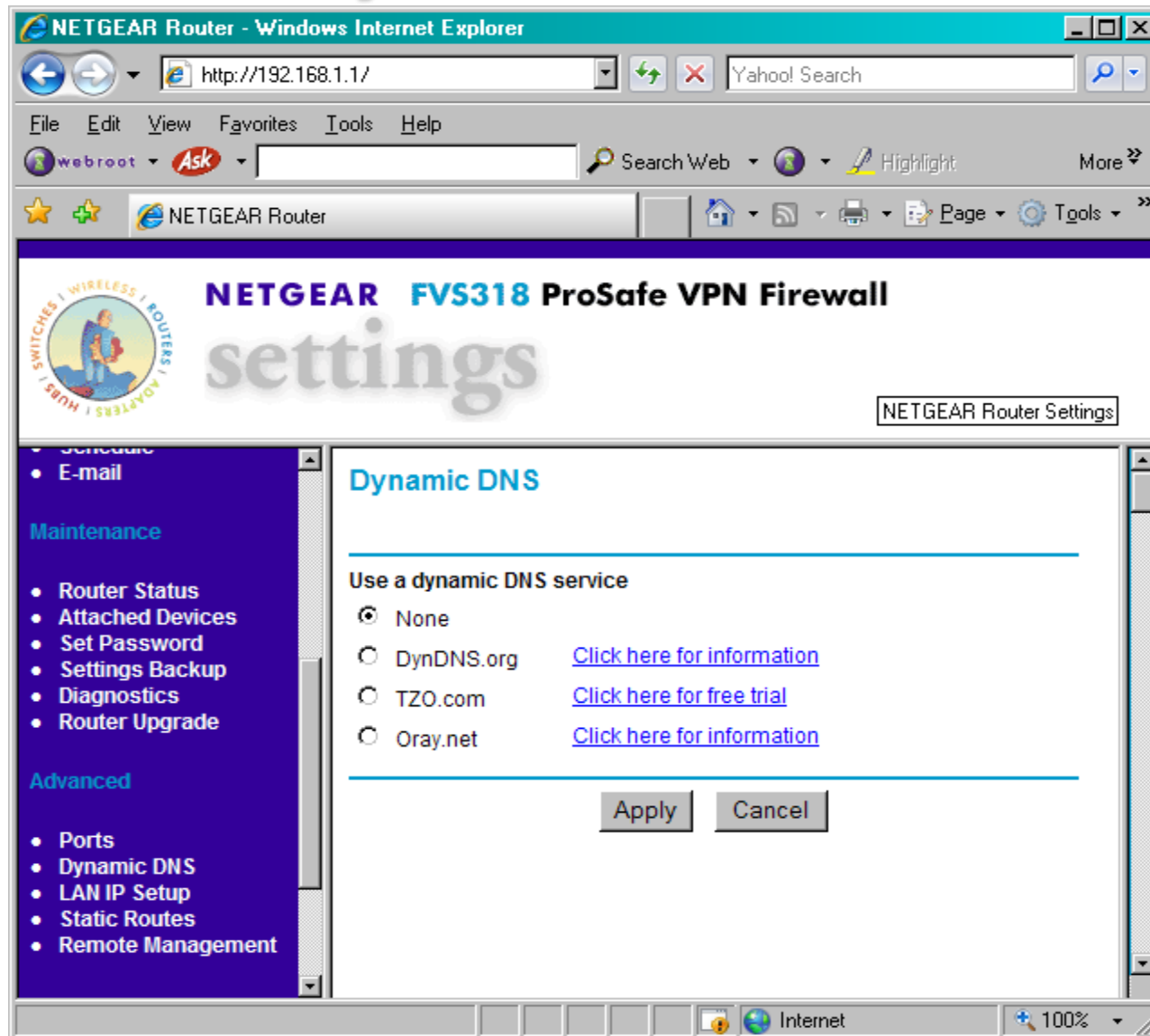


Optional Configuration

- Subscribe to a dynamic DNS service
- Make internal services available to the Internet
 - Web server (plug through port 80)
 - Mail server (plug through port 25; need MX record in DNS)
 - Remote encrypted access to internal server (plug through port 22)
- Create a “demilitarized zone”, or DMZ network
 - Router/firewall will plug all connection requests for services through to designated internal system
 - Good technique for combination web/mail server
 - Good technique for creating a honeypot
- Remote administration
 - IF and ONLY IF you have a VERY STRONG PASSWORD
 - Even then it’s not a good idea
 - You shouldn’t do this



Dynamic DNS



Remote Administration

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Remote Management

☐ Allow Remote Management

Allow remote access by:

☐ Everyone (Change default password!)

☐ IP address range: to

☒ Only this PC:

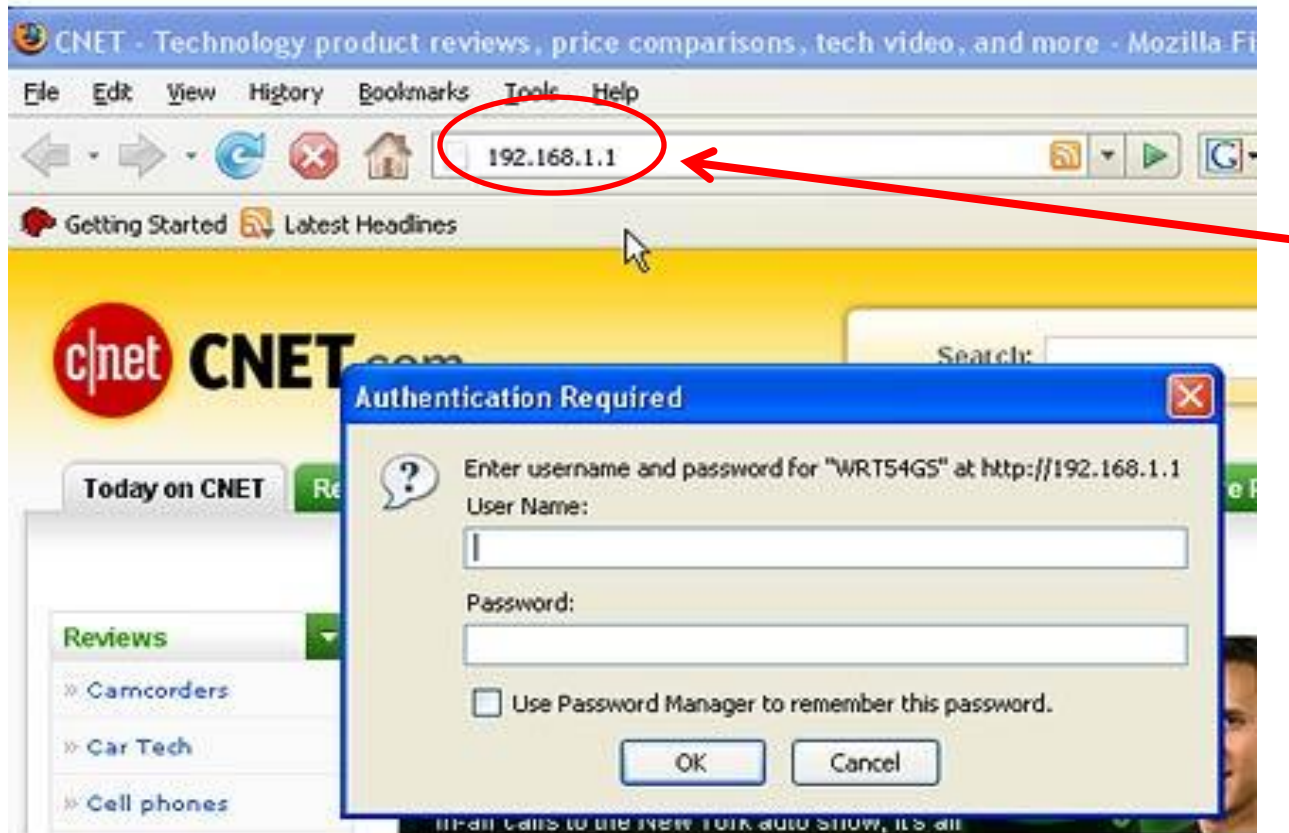
Port Number:

Internet 100%



Wireless Security Illustrated (1)

With acknowledgements to CNET Reviews



Accessing the router – Device manual will tell you default user name and password

Wireless Security Illustrated (2)

The screenshot shows the Linksys WRT54GS administration interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Administration' and 'Status'. The 'Administration' tab is selected, showing sub-tabs for 'Setup', 'Wireless', 'Security', 'Access Restrictions', 'Applications & Gaming', and 'Administration'. The 'Router Password' section is active, displaying fields for 'Password' and 'Re-enter to confirm'. The 'Web Access' section shows 'Access Server' with 'HTTP' selected and 'HTTPS' unselected, and 'Wireless Access Web' with 'Enable' selected and 'Disable' unselected. The 'Remote Router Access' section shows 'Remote Management' with 'Disable' selected and 'Enable' unselected, and a 'Management Port' field set to '8080'. A sidebar on the right contains instructions for 'Local Router Access', 'Web Access', and 'Remote Router Access'.

LINKSYS®
A Division of Cisco Systems, Inc.

Firmware Version: v1.00.8

Wireless-G Broadband Router with SpeedBooster **WRT54GS**

Administration | Setup | Wireless | Security | Access Restrictions | Applications & Gaming | Administration | Status

Management | Log | Diagnostics | Factory Defaults | Firmware Upgrade | Config Management

Router Password

Local Router Access

Password:
Re-enter to confirm:

Web Access

Access Server: ☒ HTTP ☐ HTTPS
Wireless Access Web: ☒ Enable ☐ Disable

Remote Router Access

Remote Management: ☐ Enable ☒ Disable
Management Port:

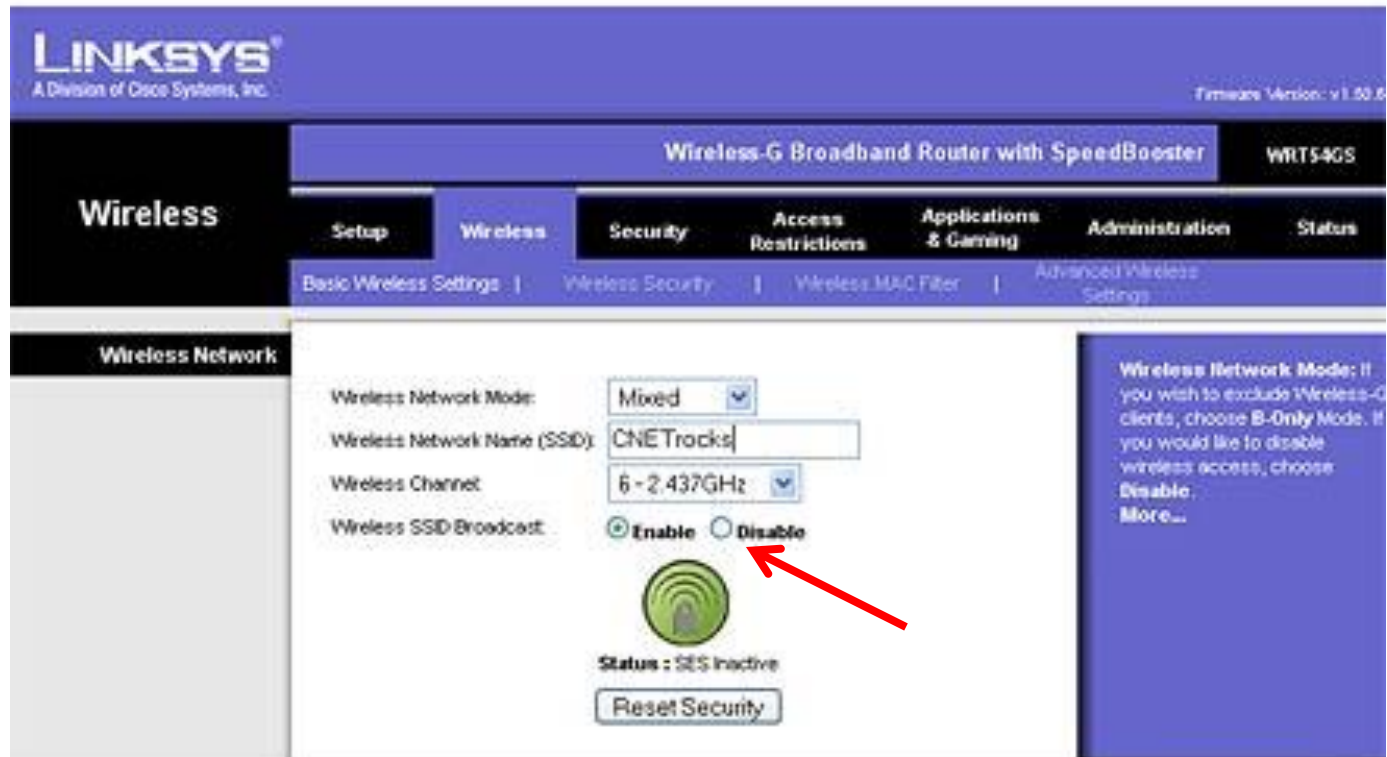
Local Router Access: You can change the Router's password from here. Enter a new Router password and then type it again in the Re-enter to confirm field to confirm.

Web Access: Allows you to configure access options to the router's web utility. [More...](#)

Remote Router Access: Allows you to access your router remotely. Choose the port you would like to use. You must change the password to the

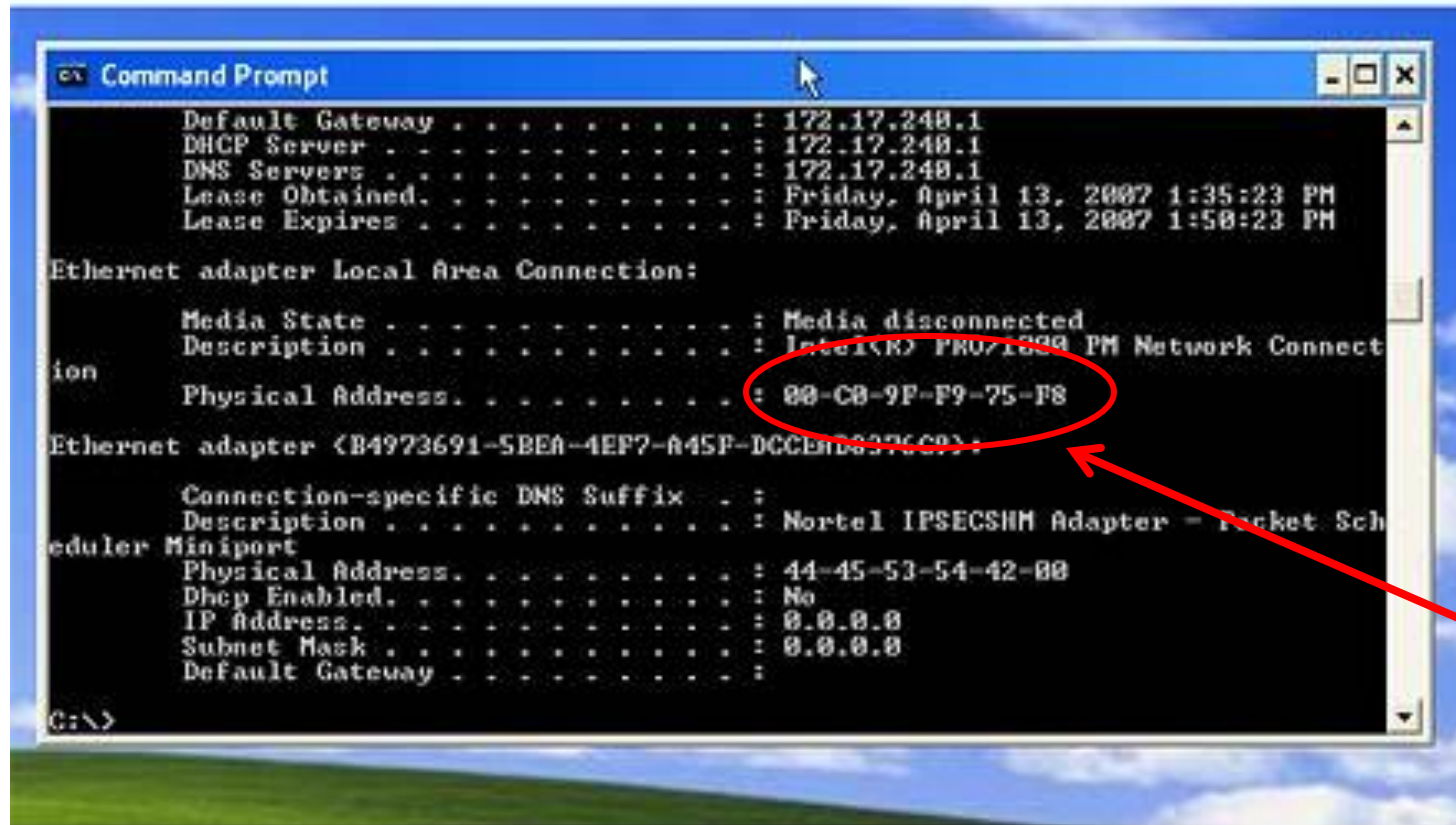
Immediately change the default administrator name and password!

Wireless Security Illustrated (3)



Change the Default SSID and then disable broadcast

Wireless Security Illustrated (4)



Find the MAC addresses of all the devices on your network

Wireless Security Illustrated (5)



Enable MAC address filtering

Wireless Security Illustrated (6)

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying `http://192.168.1.1 - MAC Address Filter List`. The page title is "MAC Address Filter List". Below the title, there is a text prompt: "Enter MAC Address in this format: xxxxxxxxxx". A button labeled "Wireless Client MAC List" is visible. The main content area contains a list of 20 MAC address input fields, arranged in two columns. The first column contains fields labeled MAC 01 through MAC 10, and the second column contains fields labeled MAC 11 through MAC 20. Below these, there are additional fields for MAC 21 through MAC 33, though some are partially cut off. The browser's left sidebar shows a "Getting Started" section with a "LINK" button and a "Wireless" section. The right sidebar shows a "SpeedBooster" section and an "Administration" section with a "More..." link.

MAC Address Filter List	
Enter MAC Address in this format: xxxxxxxxxx	
<button>Wireless Client MAC List</button>	
MAC 01: <input type="text"/>	MAC 11: <input type="text"/>
MAC 02: <input type="text"/>	MAC 12: <input type="text"/>
MAC 03: <input type="text"/>	MAC 13: <input type="text"/>
MAC 04: <input type="text"/>	MAC 14: <input type="text"/>
MAC 05: <input type="text"/>	MAC 15: <input type="text"/>
MAC 06: <input type="text"/>	MAC 16: <input type="text"/>
MAC 07: <input type="text"/>	MAC 17: <input type="text"/>
MAC 08: <input type="text"/>	MAC 18: <input type="text"/>
MAC 09: <input type="text"/>	MAC 19: <input type="text"/>
MAC 10: <input type="text"/>	MAC 20: <input type="text"/>
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MAC 21: <input type="text"/>	MAC 31: <input type="text"/>
MAC 22: <input type="text"/>	MAC 32: <input type="text"/>
MAC 23: <input type="text"/>	MAC 33: <input type="text"/>

Add all of the MAC addresses from your networked devices

Wireless Security Illustrated (7)

The screenshot shows the Linksys WRT54GS web interface for configuring wireless security. The top navigation bar includes 'Wireless', 'Setup', 'Wireless', 'Security', 'Access Restrictions', 'Applications & Gaming', 'Administration', and 'Status'. The 'Wireless Security' sub-menu is active, showing options for 'Basic Wireless Settings', 'Wireless Security', 'Wireless MAC Filter', and 'Advanced Wireless Settings'. The 'Wireless Security' section is expanded, displaying the following configuration fields:

- Security Mode: WPA Personal (dropdown menu)
- WPA Algorithm: AES (dropdown menu)
- WPA Shared Key: CNETNetworks#1 (text input field)
- Group Key Renewal: 3600 seconds (text input field)

A sidebar on the right provides additional information about the Security Mode, stating: 'Security Mode: You may choose from Disable, WPA Personal, WPA Enterprise, WPA2 Personal, WPA2 Enterprise, RADIUS, WEP. All devices on your network must use the same security mode in order to communicate. More...'. The Linksys logo and 'A Division of Cisco Systems, Inc.' are visible in the top left, and 'Cisco Systems' is in the bottom right corner.

Set up WPA Encryption (Don't forget to write this down!)

Securing Wireless Routers

(A couple more thoughts)

- WEP is better than nothing
 - If your device doesn't support WPA at least use WEP encryption
 - Use a strong encryption key (no consecutive numbers or easy words)
 - Change your encryption key often
- Reduce your WLAN transmitter power
 - Not available in all models
 - If available you can reduce the range so it isn't accessible outside your home or office
- Disable remote administration
 - Router may allow you to administer it via remote access
 - Only use this if it lets you define specific IP address(es) that can access the router



Best Practices

- Upgrades and Patches
 - Setup your routers and firewalls for automatic updates if available
 - Otherwise, set a schedule to check for updates
 - Update firmware as well as configuration or operating applications
- Backups
 - Backup your configuration information
 - Backup firewall logs to CD or USB – store offline
- Documentation
 - Network diagram!
 - All configuration information
 - User names, passwords and encryption keys
 - Keep in safe place (not on sticky notes or under your mouse pad!)
 - Mac addresses of all connected devices



Troubleshooting

- Check router/firewall WAN settings; refresh them with a new DHCP lease from your ISP
 - Sometimes DHCP loses its mind
- Ping – send “are you there?” packets
 - Useful for checking whether you have connectivity
- Tracert – follow a packet’s path from source to destination
 - Tells you where connectivity stops
- Nslookup – look up information from DNS servers
 - Lots of useful information
- Ipconfig /all | more – see the IP configuration of a Windows system (and paginate the output)
- See and understand the configuration of your system



Router/Firewall Diagnostics

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NETGEAR Router Settings

Ping an IP address

Ping

Perform a DNS Lookup

Internet Name Lookup

DNS Server: 68.87.69.146, 68.87.85.98

Display the Routing table

Display

Trace the routing path

To this IP address TraceRoute

Internet 100%



Final list 'o tips

- Use a hardware firewall
 - It might be your wireless AP
- Manage DHCP and DNS
 - Restrict size of address pool
 - Use MAC address filtering
- Use WPA or WPA2 encryption; WEP if nothing else
- Document administrative credentials, pass phrases
- Make a network diagram
- Keep firmware updated and your configuration backed up
- Log activities and monitor logs



Q/A

Thank You!

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